

Amendments to the Claims:

1. through 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of determining the location of an end user comprising the steps of:

receiving a first signal from a first communication device at a communication node;
~~wherein the first response signal includes an authorization signal and a unique identifying signal;~~

transmitting a second signal from the communication node to a second communication device;

receiving a first response signal from the second communication device at the communication node, the first response signal including an authorization signal, a unique identifying signal, and a geographic location of the second communication device, wherein the geographic location includes a global positioning system coordinate or an infrastructure-based coordinate;

transmitting the geographic location to the first communication device from the communication node in response to the first response signal;

comparing the unique identifying signal to a stored unique identifying signal corresponding to the ~~end user subscriber~~;

determining an assistance center near the second communication device if the unique identifying signal does not match the stored unique identifying signal; and

providing assistance to the end user if the unique identifying signal does not match the stored unique identifying signal.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further including the step of transmitting an identification signal from the first communication device to the communication node when the first signal is received.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first response signal includes an instruction to transmit the second response signal to the first communication device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the geographic location includes a set of coordinates of the second communication device.

15. and 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first communication device includes one of a telephone, a paging unit, a cellular telephone, a satellite telephone and an Internet telephone.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the second communication device includes one of a telephone, a paging unit, a cellular telephone, a satellite telephone and an Internet telephone.

19. through 21. (Cancelled)